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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to urge that you grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of down animals. The marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes intense animal suffering and poses an unnecessary health risk.

Downed animals, animals too sick to even stand, are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving, food, water, or veterinary care, and in many instances, they die of neglect. Downed animals who survive handling are typically slaughtered for human food. Not only does this treatment cause intolerable suffering to the animals, the slaughter and marketing of downed animals poses a risk to human health.

I urge you to please take some measures to see that this sort of treatment is brought to an end. Please grant Farm Sanctuary's petition (docket number: 98P-0151/CP1) to prohibit the slaughter of these animals.

Sincerely,



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